

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, a new abstract has been provided that is more in line with the guidelines of 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b) and MPEP §608.01(b). In addition, minor revisions have been made in the specification to recite that the amounts in certain examples are in parts by weight consistent with amounts described in other examples. Finally, the claims have been amended to clarify certain aspects thereof and to eliminate all multiple dependency with new dependent claims 8-20 being added so that the scope of the original multiple dependent claims is preserved. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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